

**STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**

State of VIRGINIA

**METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION**

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- §1.0 Transportation of recipients to and from providers of services covered by this plan is available in either of two categories: emergency and non-emergency. In either category, arrangements for transportation shall be made between recipients and the transportation providers for covered medical services.
- §2.0 Eligible recipients will seek the most economical means of transportation to their medical appointments. These arrangements will be made with an enrolled transportation provider of the recipients' choice.
- §3.0 Ambulances, wheelchair vans, and taxis must be licensed to provide services in the Commonwealth by the appropriate state and/or local licensing agency. Registered drivers must be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth and must maintain automobile insurance.
- §4.0 Payment for transportation may only be made when transportation is not otherwise available to recipients. The following modes of transportation shall be allowable for recipients: ambulance, wheelchair van, common user bus (intra-city and inter-city), registered driver, and commercial taxicabs. Air travel may be preauthorized only when known to be essential to a critical need of the recipient. In responding to recipients requests, the transportation mode will be provided which will assure that economical services which are adequate to meet recipients' medical need shall be furnished. Recipients' right to a free choice of providers shall be preserved in compliance with 42 CFR 431.51.
- §5.0 Payment may be made to an individual, through the Registered Driver Program, who has been recruited by an eligible recipient, for non-emergency transportation, on the basis of a fee per loaded passenger mile with no coverage of waiting time.

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